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| AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION EXPEDITED HANDLING REQUESTED - GAU 1652 |
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: Mohammad Y. Meah, Ph.D. |
| SHIN-ICHI HASHIMOTO, ET AL. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 1652 |
| Application No.: 10/590,705 |) | |
| | : | Confirmation No. 8726 |
| Filed: June 14, 2007 |) | |
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| For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING |) | |
| AMINO ACIDS | : | December 9, 2010 |

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 8, 2010 (Paper No. 20100526), the period for response having been extended by the Petition for Extension of Time and Notice of Appeal filed December 7, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as follows: